

METROPOLITAN SOCCER
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

To-day's Fixtures.

Gladesville v Bal. Gladstones
Wentworth Park Oval, 3.15. Mr. J
Lester.

Auburn v. Sydney, Leichhardt
Oval. Mr. A. E. Court.

Pymont Rangers v Two Blues
Clyde Oval. Mr. G. M'Lay.

Second Division.

Final: Pymont v Rangers
Wentworth Park Oval, 1.45. Mr.
A. W. Bates.

St. George v Leichhardt, St
George Sports Ground, 3.15. Mr.
T. Anderson.

THE SUNLIGHT CUP.

Bankstown v Eastern Suburbs
Canterbury No. 1, 3.15.

Manly v Botany Albions, Boor-
alee, 3.15.

Sydney v Alexandria, Waterloo
3.15.

Sunlight v Garden Island, Cres-
cent Oval, 3.15.

Booralee v Callan Pk., Leich-
hardt, 1.45.

Metters v Burns Club, Water-
loo, 1.45.

Annandale Alt. v Campsie This-
tle, Easton Park, 3.15.

Lilyfield Rangers v Pymont,
Ibrox Park, 1.45.

MATCHES OUTSTANDING
AFTER TO-DAY.

Bal. Gladstones v Gladesville
(re-play).

Fourth Series.

Bal. Fernleigh v Bal. Gladstones
Sydney v Granville.

Fifth Series.

Gladesville v Bal. Gladstones

Sixth Series.

Bal. Gladstones v Granville.

Bal. Fernleigh v Pymont Rgs.

Seventh Series.

Two Blues v Sydney.

Second Division.

Leichhardt v St. George (de-
ferred).

Outstanding Matches.—Gran-
ville 2, Auburn nil, Two Blues 1,
Bal. Fernleigh 2, Bal. Gladstones
3, Pymont Rangers 1, Sydney 2,
Gladesville 1.

COMPETITION TABLES.

Premiership.

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rangers	14	9	2	3	41	13	21
Pymont	14	9	2	3	45	19	21
West Sydney	14	7	1	6	38	17	20
St. George	13	6	4	3	27	17	15
Leichhardt	13	5	5	3	26	21	13
Bal. Scottish	14	2	8	4	14	39	8
Lachlan Rgs.	14	3	11	—	20	52	6
Canterbury	14	2	10	2	19	53	6

W. LINCOLN CUP.

1st Division.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	5	4	—	1	19	7	9
Two Blues	5	3	1	1	8	5	7
Bal. Gladstones	4	3	1	—	5	3	6
Auburn	6	3	3	—	10	12	6
Gladesville	6	1	3	2	9	16	4
Pymont Rgs.	5	2	3	—	10	8	4
Bal. Fernleigh	5	—	3	2	7	14	2
Sydney	4	—	2	2	2	5	2

2nd Division.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
West Sydney	7	5	—	2	20	5	12
Pymont	7	6	1	—	22	4	12
Rangers	7	4	1	2	23	2	10
Canterbury	7	2	4	1	7	27	5
Lachlan Rgs.	7	2	5	—	6	24	4
Leichhardt	6	1	3	2	5	6	4
St. George	6	1	4	1	7	10	3
Bal. Scottish	7	1	4	2	6	19	3

SUNLIGHT CUP

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ann. Altona	4	4	—	—	17	2	8
Bankstown	4	4	—	—	4	1	8
Alexandria	4	3	—	1	6	4	7
Sydney	4	3	—	1	9	2	7
Sunlight	4	3	—	1	12	3	7
E. Suburbs	4	3	—	1	10	4	7
Metters	4	3	1	—	17	5	6
Campsie Thistle	4	3	1	—	8	5	6
Pymont	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Garden Island	4	2	1	1	3	5	5
Callan Park	4	2	1	1	8	9	5
Lilyfield Rgs.	4	2	2	—	9	9	4
Booralee Rovers	4	2	2	—	9	10	4
Botany Albions	4	1	2	1	9	8	3
Burns Club	4	1	3	—	4	9	2
Manly	4	3	1	—	5	19	1
Gladesville	4	—	3	1	2	10	1
South Sydney	4	—	3	1	1	13	1
Fire Brigades	4	—	4	—	1	6	0
N. Suburbs	4	—	4	—	2	8	0
Drummoyne	4	—	4	—	4	12	0

West Sydney withdrawn.

RESULTS OF MATCHES, SATURDAY,
23rd AUGUST, 1924.

State Championship.

West Wallsend beat Balmain Glad-

stones 7—0.

Wallsend drew with Balmain Fernleigh

1—1.

Premiership.

Auburn beat Two Blues 2—1.

Pymont Rangers beat Sydney 2—0.

Granville beat Gladesville 4—2.

2nd Division.

Pymont beat Lachlan Rangers 7—0.

West Sydney beat Canterbury 2—0.

Rangers drew with St. George 0—0.

Leichhardt and Balmain Scottish drew

1—1.

Sunlight Cup.

Annandale beat Manly 7—0.

Campsie Thistle beat Pymont 3—2.

Gladesville and South Sydney drew

1—1.

Booralee Rovers beat Metters 3—2.

Sydney beat Botany Albions 2—0.

Callan Park beat Garden Island 3—0.

Burns Club beat Lilyfield Rangers

3—0.

Sunlight beat Northern Suburbs 1—0.

Fire Brigades forfeited to Bankstown.

Drummoyne forfeited to Alexandria.

West Sydney forfeited to Eastern Sub-

urbs.

The Granville District Football
Association have a charter from
the New South Wales Association
to conduct within its area a senior
competition (equivalent to the
Second Grade of the Metropolitan
Association), and all lower grade
competitions.

THE W. LINCOLN CUP.

The matches played to-day will
have a big bearing on the W. Lin-
coln Cup competition, and it may
be possible to make the first draw
for this competition next Monday
night. Three teams have quali-
fied in the Second Division—West
Sydney, Pymont and Rangers—
and the certainties in the First
Division appear to be Granville
and Two Blues. Other teams with
a very good chance of qualifying
are Balmain Gladstones and Au-
burn. Pymont Rangers appear
likely to be the fifth team, al-
though Gladesville, Sydney and
Balmain Fernleigh are all in the
running yet. The position will
be clearer after the result of to-
day's matches.

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Editorial

A BREAKAWAY?

A circular which has been forwarded to the various clubs affiliated to the M.S.F.A., proposing that a new Amateur Association be organised, to run football under the club system, has come under the notice of those controlling the game in the metropolitan area, and while it appears that it is unlikely to gain much support, still some of the statements therein require to be refuted.

Passing over the statement that an undue number of officials were present at the meeting, the voting at which was admittedly close, it may be noted that not nearly that number attended, nor are there that number of officials attached to the Metropolitan Association.

The most important misrepresentation, however, is that clubs should withdraw their affiliation to the Metropolitan Association, otherwise they will be called upon to pay a share of the losses on the English tour next season. That

tour will of course, so far as Australia is concerned, be under the control of the Commonwealth Association, which will at least nominally be responsible for all the risks that the financing of that tour will entail. The method to be adopted in the financing has not been decided yet, but it is certain that all the risk will be covered, and that the various associations will be invited to state exactly what share of the risk they are willing to undertake. Any profits made on the tour would be distributed pro rata according to the risks undertaken. Excepting for providing teams and players, and staging matches under the control of the Commonwealth Association, this is the only question that will need decision by the M.S.F.A. and the other associations affiliated to the New South Wales Association.

They will be asked in all probability to find "a quota" which will be fixed, and this of course will be the full extent of their liability.

The move to form a breakaway association cannot be too strongly condemned. We must all bow to

the will of the majority, and constitutional action must be the order of the day. We must recognise that we are engaged in healthy rivalry with the other football codes, and that the only way in which we can hope to make our game the premier winter game is to be a united force, working along definite lines, and throwing our whole energies into the effort to provide clean, healthy sport, which in its own interests must be scientific, fast and spectacular, especially when played by the best exponents, and absolutely above suspicion.

EASTERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will hold a general meeting at the Coronation Hall (upstairs), Bondi Junction, on Thursday next, the 11th September, at 8 p.m., sharp, and indications point to a large and thoroughly representative gathering being present. The business for the evening, as set down by the Executive, is as follows:—

- (1) The adoption of rules.
- (2) Election of officers for year 1925.
- (3) To discuss the District Football scheme and the formation of a First Grade District XI. for season 1925.
- (4) General business.

It is hoped that all players who are likely to be included in the Eastern Suburbs District area by reason of being residentially qualified will make certain of being present as the meeting will no doubt be of paramount importance to them.

Anyone wishing to take an interest in the new Association will be heartily welcomed at the meeting.

THIRD TIME PROVES IT.

Balmain Fernleigh and Wallsend will play for the third time to-day, to decide which team shall meet Woonona in the final, and a rattling game should result. The two previous games resulted in a scoreless draw and a one goal draw. Rees to-day will play centre forward, and will make a big difference to the Wallsend's at-

tack. Fernleigh are relying on their old team, and think they can win out.

They won the Gardiner Cup in 1919, and 1920, and have been beaten by only one team—West Wallsend—since, and on two occasions out of three in the semi-final.

LINCOLN CUP.

Important Decision.

The Council of the M.S.F.A. decided last Monday night not to proceed any further with the qualifying games of the Lincoln Cup in the First Division, but to match the eight First Division teams against the three Second Division teams. Accordingly the matches staged to-day are on the knock-out principle. The M.C., in making the draw, decided to give Balmain Fernleigh the bye in order to permit it to play its re-play Gardiner Cup games with Wallsend. All the games, so far as extra time being played in the event of a draw at full time, are played under the Gardiner Cup rules, and referees are advised accordingly.

THE CHINESE.

The Chinese, we on this side of the Tasman, are all pleased to see are upholding their reputation as footballers in New Zealand. Immense crowds have witnessed the games, and the tour has, according to press reports, been a big success. On the playing side the team has evidently suffered from incorrect decisions on the part of the officials controlling the game. In one of the Test matches a press photograph shows the ball over the line before the N.Z. goalkeeper scooped it around the post; the referee awarded a corner kick. In the latest match at Canterbury two goals were alleged to have been scored, as a result of off-side play, and as in consequence the Chinese captain left the field. He was induced to return and Canterbury won 3—2. It is a remarkable coincidence that in the International matches both in Australia and New Zealand, the referees officiating have been severely criticised.

each association; also to impose a fine of £1.

Notification of Fixtures.—Many complaints have been received with regard to the late arrival of the official advice. The Assistant Hon. Secretary (who is the official responsible) advises that all notices are posted every Tuesday, and therefore should arrive in ample time.

Junior Board of Control.—At a meeting of this Board it was decided that the status of members of the United Juniors F.C. would not be affected, notwithstanding the fact that this team had competed in more than two senior matches. The executive of the Junior Board protested against this decision on the ground that it was unconstitutional. This view has been endorsed by your committee and the M.J.F.A. has been so informed and directed to have this very important matter rectified.

Eastern Suburbs.—Has been granted affiliation and advised that the proposed boundaries would have to be confirmed by the next Rules Revision meeting; Canterbury Association has been similarly advised in connection with an application made for the enlarging of existing boundary.

Competitions.—Granville has been successful in annexing the Metropolitan premiership, and Pyrmont District, by defeating Pyrmont Rangers in a final, carried off the Second Division honours. The Lincoln Cup and Sunlight Cup games should be finalised by the end of September.

British Visit.—The arrangements for this tour are well in hand, though there are still many obstacles to be negotiated, particularly that of finance. It is hoped that the team will embark on the R.M.S. "Orsova" on March 3rd, and arrive on April 4th next.

STEPHEN H. STACK,
Hon. Secretary.

THE PREMIERSHIP.

Granville Declared Winners.

Last Monday's night meeting decided to declare Granville Metropolitan Premiers for 1924, and also agreed to cancel the remaining First Division games. This was in consequence of district football being carried, it being recognised that no good purpose would be served in unduly prolonging the season.

prevent non-playing members of the public from witnessing the games played on this enclosure, or failing this that the price be reduced to 1/- and 6d. In view of the fact that the season was drawing to a close it was decided to defer action until next year.

Gosford.—An application was received from this Club asking for an exhibition match to be played in aid of the local hospital.

Junior Associations.—Four junior associations (M.J.F.A., Protestant Churches, Ryde and St. George) appeared before the committee in connection with their refusal to suspend fixtures on the occasion of the sixth Test match against Canada, after being directed to do so by the Association. It was decided to severely reprimand

METROP. M.C.'s REPORT FOR AUGUST.

Presented at a Meeting of the Council held on the 1st Sept, 1924

Grounds.

Wentworth Oval.—It is regretted that the trustees of this ground failed to have a roof placed on the stand in the 1/- enclosure. Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2.—Representations have been successfully made to the Tramway authorities for trams to stop at this ground. The Lacrosse Association was granted the use of this ground for their Interstate fixture that was played on Saturday last.

Leichhardt Oval.—A letter was received from Balmain Fernleigh asking that a screen be erected to

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DISTRICT FOOTBALL

IMPORTANT MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT.

The Deciding of Boundaries.

The adjourned special meeting of the Metropolitan Association which will further consider the proposals set out in the sub-committee's report on District Football will take place at the Sports Club on Monday night next, the 8th inst.

The first business of the evening will be the deciding of the district boundaries.

In view of the decision of the last meeting to eliminate the proposed Western Suburbs District and to form a Gladesville-Ryde district, the boundaries will be more difficult to decide than would otherwise be the case. The most important point that will be in dispute is just what area the Gladesville-Ryde district will include, and whether the Granville District Club will be allocated the whole of the area controlled by the Granville Association. Efforts will probably be made to strengthen both Canterbury and St. George, while it is contended in some quarters that there is a danger of the Balmain and Annandale-Leichhardt district being confined to too small an area.

The boundaries originally proposed by the sub-committee, and the present boundaries of the Associations affiliated to the Metropolitan Association are set out below.

The decisions arrived at to date are as follows:—

(1) "That in view of the report of the special sub-committee appointed by Council, this special general meeting adopts the principle of District Football for next year, and instructs the sub-committee to draft a new set of competition rules for submission to the Annual Rules Revision meeting."

(2) That district football be played on a strictly residential basis, each district club to have a first and second grade.

(3) That the number of district clubs in the metropolitan area be eight.

(4) The following district clubs were then decided upon:—Balmain, Annandale-Leichhardt, Pyrmont, Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury, St. George, Gladesville-Ryde and Granville.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSED BOUNDARIES.

The following are the districts with the boundaries of each, recommended by the special committee:—

Balmain.—The municipalities of Balmain, Drummoyne, up to Hampden Rd., Five Dock, Gladesville and Ryde.

Annandale - Leichhardt.—Municipalities of Annandale, Leichhardt, Petersham and that part of the municipality of Drummoyne west of Hampden Road, Five Dock.

Pyrmont.—Municipalities of Glebe, Newtown, Erskineville, Darlinghurst, Camperdown, Redfern and Alexandria, and that part of the City of Sydney known as Pyrmont, Ultimo, and Millers Point.

Sydney.—The City of Sydney

excluding that part already included in the Pyrmont territory, and the municipalities of Waterloo, Mascot, Botany, Randwick, Paddington, Waverley, Woollahra, Vaucluse, Lane Cove, Willoughby, North Sydney, Manly and Mosmon.

Canterbury.—Municipality of Enfield, Marrickville, St. Peters and Bankstown.

St. George.—Municipality of Hurstville, Kogarah, Bexley and Rockdale.

Western Suburbs.—Municipalities of Auburn, Lidcombe, Homebush, Strathfield, Concord, Burwood and Ashfield.

Granville.—Municipalities of Granville, Parramatta, Ermington, Rydalmere and Dundas.

Note.—For Financial proposals see page 16.

ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES.

St. George District Association.—Commencing at Tempe Station, and proceeding along Wolli Creek, to Broad Arrow Road, to Salt Pan Creek, to George's River, to Botany Bay.

Canterbury District.—Embracing the area on the Bankstown Railway line from Campsie Railway Station to Bankstown; also neutral area with Metropolitan Junior Association, between Hurlstone Park Railway Station and Campsie Railway Station.

Granville District.—The Western side of the Great Northern line from Strathfield to Hawkesbury River, with the exception of the municipality of Ryde, which extends both sides of the railway line mentioned. From Strathfield Station along the Boulevard in a southerly direction to the Liverpool Road. Thence to the north side of same and western side of Woodville Road to Liverpool and south thereof.

Ryde District.—From Strathfield Station to Meadowbank, right-hand side of the line from Meadowbank Station to Hornsby Station, taking in West Ryde and the postal districts of Eastwood, and all stations to Chatswood, including postal districts along the line from Hornsby. From Chatswood to Lane Cove across the Parramatta River to Iron Cove to North Strathfield.

CRONIN CUP ASSOCIATION.

The draw of the Cronin Cup, 1st round, is as follows:—

Kenilworth v Leichhardt.
Annandale Altona v Lilyfield Rangers.

Balmain Scottish v Sunlight.
Balmain Gladstone the bye.

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GARDINER CUP RE-PLAY. Wallsend and Fernleigh Again Draw.

On the Tramway Ground last week, before a large attendance, Wallsend met Balmain Fernleigh for the second time. No decision was arrived at. In Wallsend's team alterations were noticed. The brothers Urwin were not included in the team.

Wallsend set the ball in motion, and within half a minute of kick off had scored, Davidson netting from a cross by Gilmour. The early goal put the Bolshies' supporters in good mood, and a win looked likely. Balmain now attacked, but Turner put behind. The next attack by Wallsend was stopped by Leadbetter. Johnson however secured and shot; Davidson caught the ball, and it appeared to drop over the line, but eventually was cleared. Midfield play followed. Leadbetter, for Fernleigh, was a master at defence, and he repeatedly got Fernleigh out of difficulty. Before half-time Fernleigh equalised. From loose play Ferrier secured, and when tackled, back passed to Peel, who sent on to Lauchlan. He in turn beat Johnson, and centred for Craig to put in a very weak shot. Owen half-heartedly attempted to clear, but only assisted the ball into the net, making the score 1 all.

From the kick off Wallsend attacked, but Gibson's shot was cleared by Davidson. Play was at once transferred to Wallsend's goal, and Baxter sent in a hard low shot. Bower dived and brought off a great save, which was well applauded. Half-time arrived without any alteration to the score.

On resuming, play at once became interesting, and for the first few minutes Fernleigh attacked. First Owen and then Rees clearing. From one of these clearances Scott secured and sent well into goal, but Craig was too slow to take advantage of the opening, and Leadbetter cleared. Wallsend were now attacking in a determined fashion, but old war-horse Ferrier, ably assisted by Leadbetter, were equal to the occasion, and kept Fernleigh's citadel intact. Wells did a fine solo run on the wing, but his shot just passed the post. Just before full time Lappan nearly succeeded

in scoring. Bower, however, brought off a brilliant save. Full time arrived with the score 1 all.

Extra time was played, and although both ends were visited, no further goals were registered, and a third meeting is necessary.

After the game Wallsend entertained the visitors. The ladies' committee provided. Over 130 were present at the dinner, and Mr. Jack Bower presided. Songs were given by R. Steele, Roy Urwin, and Miss Dorothy Owen. Miss Owen also assisted with dancing. "Milko" Johnson gave a humorous recitation.

THE EARLY GAME.

The early game at the Tramway proved to be equal to expectations and the football displayed by the B Grade teams was of a high standard. Adamstown earned their way into the final by defeating Merewether 3 goals to 1. The goalkeepers of both teams were brilliant. The first half was scoreless. Early in the second half D. Bush opened the scoring for Adamstown, with a brilliant shot from 20 yards out, the goalie having no hope of saving. D. Bush again scored, and Turnbull added the third, while Bruton scored the 'Wethers' only goal. In Adamstown team Alex. Cameron played centre forward, but although he has had senior experience, did not play up to standard. D. Bush was easily the best forward.

WESTON DEFEATED BY NEW LAMBTON.

New Lambton who have had a run of bad luck, not being able to register a win, succeeded in putting it over Weston to the tune of 5 goals to 2. The Chatlocks have been experimenting, and claim they will give more teams a shock before the end of the season.

WESTY TOO GOOD FOR NEATH

At Neath on Saturday, West Wallsend defeated the locals by 4 goals to nil. The game was set aside as a benefit for D. Baldwin, and as a result of the game a substantial amount should be handed over to the unfortunate soccerite.

CESSNOCK DEFEAT KURRI.

Cessnock continued in their winning mood, and beat the Green and Whites by two goals to nil. The Nocks were the best team and deserved their win.

Kurri, however, were without R. Wells, their extreme forward, and Bennett was missing; he had an injured ankle, and would not take the risk, preferring to play in the State event to-day. Hannah in goal for Cessnock played a marvellous game, some of his saves being exceptionally clever. Twice Dutchy Phillips was through and Hannah took the ball off his toes. This win puts Cessnock within striking distance of the premiership. Wallsend has only to drop one point, and Cessnock will be in the running.

THIRD GRADE.

Rovers defeated Dudley by one goal to nil, and by their victory have won the Third Grade premiership for season 1924, and will hold the Lyall Cup.

Their performance has been very creditable, as only seven goals have been scored against them for the 14 matches. Congratulations, Rovers, on winning the premiership.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS.

Report of matches played at Young Wallsend appear in this issue. The only other match was played at Wallsend, when Barnsley defeated New Lambton two to nil, and thus enter round No. 2 of this competition.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Gardiner Cup.

West Wallsend v Kurri, at Tramway Ground, 3.15. Referee, Mr. S. Smith.

Fernleigh v Wallsend, in Sydney, 3.15. Referee, Mr. A. E. Court.

Senior Grade.

Cessnock v Weston, 3.15. Referee, Mr. J. Nicholson.

Wallsend receive forfeit from Mayfield.

Sherwin Williams Cup.

Hamilton v Dudley, at Tramway Ground, 1.30. Referee, Mr. F. Rizzoli.

Boolaroo v Holmesville, at Y. Wallsend, 3.15. Referee, Mr. J. Sneddon.

Mimmi v Teralba, at Young Wallsend, 1.30. Referee, Mr. C. Nix.

Kia Ora v Rovers, at Wallsend, 3.15. Referee, Mr. B. Pratten.

Adamstown v Boolaroo 4th, at Wallsend, 1.30. Referee, Mr. W. Hughes.

Islington v Barnsley, at Adamstown, 3.15. Referee, Mr. H. Pratten.

Merewether v Broadmeadow, at Adamstown, 1.30. Referee, Mr. F. Watson.

Roy Paddocks, of Holmesville 3rd team, who toured Queensland with the New South Wales juniors, was awarded the medal for the best player. J. Peebles, who represented Queensland on a number of occasions was the judge.

Committee Meeting.

Offending players who were reported by referees were dealt with at Monday night's committee meeting. R. Hughes, of Neath, was suspended for one playing Saturday.

R. Urwin was exonerated from one charge and cautioned for the second.

The Third Grade semi-final resulted as follows:—

Rovers v Adamstown.

West Wallsend v Killingworth.

A delegate meeting will be held to-night in the Tramway stand at 6.30 p.m. Business in connection with the new ground will be dealt with.

REFEREES MATCH.

The team to meet the Sydney Referees is as follows:—Goal: J. Durie; backs: B. and H. Pratten; halves: S. Smith, J. Snedden, W. Middleton; forwards: A. Wright, W. Stott, F. Watson (captain), H. Williams, and C. Nix.

Emergencies: W. Shipp, R. J. Roberts and E. Rutherford.

The match is timed to commence at 12.30, and it is to be hoped the start will be made punctual. After the match the visitors will be entertained by the local referees to a dinner.

4th GRADE FINAL.

Cardiff Wins.

The Association's Ground at Young Wallsend was well patronised when Cardiff met Wakefield in the 4th grade final. Both teams had each won the Cup in their respective divisions, and this game was for the medals. Cardiff had the best of the opening play, and Cooper, Wakefield's goalie, made some

weak clearances. From a well-placed corner kick by Harrison, Cooper only partially cleared, and Straker cleverly put into the net within three minutes of the start. This reverse spurred Wakefield on, and Redriff and Carroll both sent in good shots, which Edwards came out of goal and cleared. Wilson was needlessly kicking the ball out of play. James next secured a corner off T. Hodgins. This was cleared by Owens, who kicked to H. Hodgins, on to C. Whitson, who beat E. Winter and put to Harrison, who was injured in the face. Wakefield cleared, and Carroll taking up the left wing shot hard, Edwards fisting clear as James closed in. H. Hodgins tried to dribble through, but Lee stopped him with a good tackle. H. Hodgins and C. Whitson were playing great football.

Half-time score—Cardiff 1, Wakefield 0.

Wakefield made a determined rush in the second spell, but T. Hodgins and Wilson were safe defenders. James tried hard to open Wakefield's score, but received little support. C. Whitson received at centre, and beating several opponents sent to H. Hodgins, whose shot was cleared by Cooper. Straker next took up the wing on the right, and passed to F. Whitton, who was beaten by Beecher. James next made a fine run and beat Owens, Ray and Hodgins, and secured a corner off Edwards. Redriff had a shot from 40 yards out, and Edwards made a brilliant save by diving as the ball was going in the corner near the post. Wakefield should have evened the score when near full time. Williams missed a golden chance.

Cardiff are to be congratulated on their fine win. In C. Whitson Cardiff have a brilliant forward, who is sure to make good in senior company.

The early game was the under 16 semi between Merewether and West Wallsend. The first half was scoreless, although Merewether put the ball into the net offside. In the second half West Wallsend secured a corner kick, and Callaghan placed well, and after Bird miskicked, Grace scored the only goal of the match, giving West Wallsend the victory. They will now meet Kia Ora for the medals.

H. Hodgins, Cardiff's centre, is a convert from Rugby League, and handles the ball very well, and uses his head to advantage. With C. Whitson and Straker Cardiff are possessed of three fine forwards.

Dave Johnstone, Cardiff's mentor, was very pleased at their winning the Cup and medals.

If barracking goes to make a team win Wakefield should never lose, as they appeared to have all their little town at the match, and some of them have great lungs.

"Woggy" James, of Westy B Grade, stripped for Wakefield, and played a fine game, but his supporters were weak.

Cardiff looked great in their new set of jerseys all numbered.

West Wallsend B Grade team has scored 42 goals, and had 4 against them in blue matches. Four members of this team—G. Ross, C. James, E. Richardson and J. Woods—have a unique perform-

ance, as they have never been defeated in B and C Grade during the last four seasons. West Wallsend meet Adamstown in the final.

NOTES.

"Flu" kept "Butcher" James and W. Smith from turning out against Neath. Frank Coolahan was also standing down with a slightly injured leg. Hayes, Sinclair and junior Proudlock filling their places.

West Wallsend have already appeared in three benefit games this season, and have accepted an invitation to play a benefit for Cessnock School of Arts in the near future. Wallsend Hospital will also benefit some time this season.

A feature of the Under 16 semi was the smallest boy in each side was the best player. Bell, of Merewether, is only a mite, but was brilliant at full back.

Whitelaw, of W.W., was also very good, and Callaghan, left wing, played a fine game.

MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL FINALS

Blue and White Wins the Cup.

Blue and White defeated Cerise and Blue 5-nil. O. Alexander 1, J. Kelly 2, T. Francis 2.

Red played a draw with Green. Score, 2 all. J. Toohy 1, W. Elliot 1, for Green; Leslie McCarthy and A. Crosbie for Red.

Blue and Gold played a draw with Black and White. M. Jones scored for Blue and Gold, and K. Roland for Black and White.

Results.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Blue and White	10	6	3	1	13
Red	10	4	2	4	12
Blue and Gold	10	5	3	2	12
Green	10	4	3	3	11
Black and White	10	2	4	4	8
Cerise and Blue	10	0	6	4	4

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

Senior

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
West Wallsend	15	10	4	1	53	12	21
Wallsend	13	8	1	4	25	16	20
Adamstown	16	9	5	2	23	17	20
Cessnock	13	8	2	3	24	12	19
Kurri Kurri	14	6	8	0	26	27	12
Weston	13	5	7	1	28	32	11
New Lambton	15	4	8	3	16	27	11
Neath	15	2	9	4	15	28	8
Mayfield	12	2	10	0	11	50	4

Third Grade (Complete)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rovers	14	12	2	0	29	7	24
Killingworth	14	10	2	2	26	17	22
Adamstown	14	9	3	2	27	22	20
West Wallsend	14	9	2	3	23	12	21
Boolaroo	14	7	3	4	27	14	18
Islington	14	7	4	3	24	23	17
Dudley	14	6	4	4	30	21	16
Teralba	14	6	4	4	24	27	16
Mimmi	14	6	6	2	21	14	14
Holmesville	14	5	5	4	22	20	14
Swansea	14	3	5	6	21	19	12
Barnsley	14	3	9	2	19	29	8
Young Wallsend	14	2	10	2	7	24	6
New Lambton	14	1	13	0	4	5	2
Mayfield	14	0	14	0	7	47	0

NO CHANGE.

The agitation for a reform of the offside law consequent on so general and deliberate an exploitation of the one-back game, still proceeds, and with the object of testing the efficiency of one of the chief proposals which found a good deal of support, an arrangement was made between Chelsea and the Corinthians whereby the extension of the area of immunity from the operation of the offside law to a line drawn across the field 40 yards from each goal should be tried in a friendly match. However, the Football Association declined to permit this interesting experiment to take place on the ground that they had no power to give sanction without the consent of the International Board. A few days later the members of the Council definitely turned down the idea of the limitation of the offside area, and also the further suggestion that the words "unless there are at such moment of playing at least three of his opponents nearer their own goal line," be amended by substituting "two" for three. The footnote, however, to Law 6 will now read: "It is not a breach of the law for a player to be in an offside position, but only when in that position he interferes with an opponent or with the play. If a player who is in an offside position advances towards an opponent or the ball, and in so doing causes the play to be affected he should be penalised."

Clearer for the Ref.

The referee's duty is thus made clearer, but the law itself remains unaltered. Some there are of course, who think that the game would be vastly improved if the law were entirely abolished, but there is little or no likelihood that this will ever happen. Most good judges agree that the present trouble regarding offside is largely due to the non-development of forwards who use their brains as well as their feet, and who can dribble and go through on their own when necessary. This method will always defeat the one-back game, and, this being the case, there seems no need to tamper with the law simply to legislate for poor footballers.

Mr. R. Reay will referee the Sydney v West Wallsend or Kurri Kurri fixture, while Mr. A. W. Bates will officiate at the Woonona v Wallsend or Balmain Fernleigh match.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

Queensland Junior Team.

The following is the report of Mr. J. Hawke, the manager of the New South Wales junior team, which recently toured Queensland:—

To Members of the Council of the New South Wales Association.

Dear Sirs,—I have pleasure in submitting my report of the recent visit to Queensland of the N.S.W. Junior Soccer team.

The team arrived in Brisbane at 6.40 p.m. Thursday, August 21st, and were met by Messrs. Comrie, Walker and Harworth, of the B.J.F.A., and conveyed in cars to Moiralan North Quay.

Games Played.

Two test games were played, one at Woolongabba on August 23rd. In the first half it was a splendidly contested game, N.S.W. crossing over with a one-goal lead. In the second half we were too good for the home team, and eventually won by 4 goals to nil. Adamson 3, and Crowhurst scoring. The team had not a weak link in it, the forwards combining well, while the back division was excellent. A medal donated by the Sports Referee for the best player in N.S.W. team was won by R. Paddock, inside left. Mr. J. Peebles, the former Interstate player, was the judge.

The second test was played at Bundamba on August 25th. As in the first game the first half was evenly contested, the scores being 1 all. In the second half we scored 5 more goals, outplaying Queensland in every department of the game. Adamson 4, and Paddock 1 scored. Queensland's full-back putting the ball in his own goal.

Conduct of Players.

It is with great pride that I report that each one of the players conducted himself as a sportsman both on and off the field. I did not find it necessary to speak to any of the boys, although I gave them the greatest amount of liberty. The impression left behind by the team was excellent.

Entertaining.

The party was well looked after by Messrs. J. W. Comrie, President, and E. P. Walker, Hon. Secretary B.J.F.A.

Itinerary Queensland Section.

Wednesday, August 20th: Left Sydney 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, August 21st: Arrived Brisbane 6.40 p.m. Cars to Moiralan North Quay.

Friday, August 22nd: Morning training, South Brisbane. 2.30 p.m., car trip to One Tree Hill. 7.30 p.m., entertainment at Winter Garden Theatre.

Saturday, August 23rd: 9.30 a.m., photographers. 11 a.m., a visit to Parliament House. 2 p.m., cars to Woolongabba. 3.30 p.m., played Queensland—won 4-nil. 6.30 p.m., dinner at Wattle Cafe. 8.30 p.m., dance in Gymnasium Hall.

Sunday, August 24th: 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., motor launch trip to mouth of river and Doughboy Creek.

Monday, August 25th: 2.15 p.m., train to Bundamba. 3.45 p.m., defeated Queensland 6-1. 6 p.m., dinner. 8.20 p.m., returned to Brisbane.

Tuesday, August 26th: 8.5 a.m., left Brisbane.

Tenterfield Section.

5.55 p.m., arrived Wallangarra; met by Mr. N. Gunn. 7.12 p.m., arrived Tenterfield. 8.15 p.m., dance.

Wednesday, August 27th: 12 noon, official luncheon. 2.30 p.m., ladies' hockey match. 3.30 p.m., played Tenterfield—won 1-nil. 6.47 p.m., left Tenterfield.

Thursday, August 28th: 11.25 a.m., arrived Sydney.

The Tenterfield Visit.

The day's visit to Tenterfield was greatly enjoyed. Officials, members of the team, and the general public all showed fine hospitality to the team. The question of stopping over for two days at Tenterfield should be considered as one day is not long enough.

Unfortunately very heavy rain set in half an hour before the game, and continued until nearly full time. As a spectacle the game was robbed of its attractiveness. The only goal was scored by Mr. Gunn, the home full-back, who deflected a shot by Moran into the net.

Injuries.

Adamson, centre forward, was injured in all games, but played throughout. Paddock, Mannion & Bowden also received minor injuries. The team as originally selected played in both test games. In the Tenterfield game the team was altered to enable the reserves to play.

Conclusion.

I have to thank the Council for appointing me as manager of the team, an honor which I deeply appreciate, and assure them that I greatly enjoyed the trip and the companionship of a really fine company of players and sportsmen.

J. R. HAWKE,
Manager.

Eulogized in Queensland.

All fixtures in Brisbane were cancelled in order to give players an opportunity of seeing the Interstate junior game between New South Wales and Queensland. The attendance was disappointing, and the senior associations in each State will have a debit balance. The outlay, however, was more than justified, and the sparkling display given by the visitors was an indication of the improvement in the code in the Mother State.

In every department, after the initial newness had worn off, the New South Welshmen showed a complete mastery over our local players, and in ball control and brilliant combination were reminiscent of the New South Wales senior elevens which have played here. In the first half of the game the Queensland eleven made a fair showing, and a couple of shots from Garrigan would have scored with a less expert goalie in front of them, but after the interval there was only one team in the hunt, and that was not Queensland.

Adamson, the visitors' centre forward, who hails from Granville, worked his wings beautifully, and when a shot was fired at Shearnsmith, the speedy New South Wales forwards were after it, and practically on top of him as he cleared, with the result that in one mix-up he went down and fractured his ankle. There was not a weak spot in the visitors' eleven, and the medal donated for the best player on their side was awarded to Paddock, who although not quite so spectacular as Adamson, played a fine unselfish game. Marshall won the trophy presented for the best Queensland player, and there was no doubt that he earned it. Bache impressed at right back, although beaten on several occasions, and Shearnsmith in goal was at times exceptionally brilliant.

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PROGRAMME

WENTWORTH OVAL, 3.15 P.M.

Granville Auburn

Referee: Mr. W. Wright. Messrs. H. Cockwell and J. Hopper

GRANVILLE
(Black and Stripes)

R. AMON

1—C. LEABEATER

2—J. COMRIE

3—L. LEABEATER

4—A. HENSON

5—H. SPURWAY

6—S. BOURKE

7—G. MILNER

8—H. WINTER

9—T. RAMSAY

10—J. HELE

10—E. BRUYERES

9—J. MORRIS

8—C. BOCABATEILLE

MALCOLM

7—J. SIMMONS

6—R. DUNN

5—J. PICKEN

4—J. PETER

3—C. O'CONNOR

2—T. AMOS

1—O. JOASS

L. J. S.

(Black and Halves)

Reserves—Auburn: 11—W. Stevens; 12—M. Leabeater.

WENTWORTH OVAL, 1.45 P.M.

Pymont v. St Sydney

Referee: Mr. McLay.

PYMT

W. FORD

1—G. BOOTH

2—G. CLIFTON

3—W. ANDERSON

4—G. FORD

5—J. GRAY

6—R. MAITLAND

7—A. McLEAN

8—S. ALEWOOD

9—W. RUSHTON

10—R. GOLDEN or 11—R. WOOD

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Protestant Churches Association

REP. MATCHES.

The Churches could not repeat their St. George form against Juniors last week. In the first half the Red and Blacks had things all their own way, did practically what they liked, and at half-time were three goals in the lead. In the second spasm W. Harmon essayed a long shot which landed in the net. This bucked up the Maroons for a while, until Hyde put in a good shot which was easily cleared. In the last ten minutes M.J.S.F.A. did as they pleased, except they could not score.

Players.

J. Park was easily our best, though he had none of his usual good luck. Havill and Richards defended fairly well, but the former has played better in club matches. Richards could put more energy in his feet and less in his tongue.

In the halves, McMin and Powell were a good pair of workers. Tyler, though he tried, is not a classic player by any means.

The forwards could not be properly judged on the work they had to do. Hyde was easily the pick of them. Kellick was fair, but could not finalise his movements. Warren and Harman were a bit on the light side, yet it was through the latter's good shot that we broke our duck. Higgins could have been far better.

Holy Trinity.

This team should indeed be proud of three of their players, viz., Chas. Heyward, C. Heyward and F. M. Grey. These players were notified through their Hon. Secretary on the Tuesday prior to the match that they had been honored by the Association to the extent of selecting them for rep. purposes. On the day of the match their Secretary calmly states that Grey would not turn up, but he thought the Heywards would. At any rate none turned up, and the manager had to race round for substitutes. Now these players are members of a winning team that has benefited by the work of Association officials, and yet they leave us in the lurch without even an apology. Still it is presumed that these same individuals will have the audacity to come forward on 1st October and receive their trophies. It is this class of players that make

Association officials wonder if the "game is worth the candle." Holy Trinity should indeed be proud of them.

Last Saturday.

St. Johns Bal. got home last week, and so pipped Alex Mission A by one point for the comp. Though not wishing to detract one iota from the Balmain boys' meritorious win, the Mission have certainly been "dead stiff" the last few years, as this is the third season that they have lost the comp. by one or two points. Still better luck next year, Mission.

As predicted, Newtown Congs. A accounted for All Saints in a rather easy manner 5-0.

An unexpected result was the win by St. Thomas over such redoubtable opponents as St. Silas. This gave the competition to St. Bartholomew, which team has won with a greater margin of points than any of the other four victorious teams.

To-day.

All eyes will be on the two second grade teams, All Souls and Newtown Congs A, who will do battle with first grade teams in K.O. matches. As it has been stated often that 2nd grade is superior to first grade, to-day will prove or disprove the theory. Lakemba Congs A and St. John Bal. should be a good game at Lakemba at 3.15.

The early fixture at Lakemba, St. Bartholomew v Lakemba Congs B, will serve to show which of the two divisions is superior. St. Bedes and St. Johns Glebe should get home without much trouble.

Presentation of Trophies.

This function will take place in the I.O.O.F. Temple on 1st October, at 7.45. Tickets are now available at 2/- each.

Draw for 13th September.

The above draw will be available to interested teams at the Management Committee, on 9th inst.

P.C.R. ASSOCIATION.

The following is a copy of a letter received by Mr. L. Scott from the P.C.S.F.A., which letter is published for the information of members. The Hon. Secretary, Protestant Churches Referees' Association.

Dear Sir,—
I have been instructed to convey to you the very sincere appreciation of

management in connection with the hearty co-operation and valuable assistance rendered the code generally by members of your Association during the 1924 season.

More especially would I mention the fulness and promptness of their reports together with the fact of the regular phoning of results on Saturday nights. This action by your members has greatly facilitated and accelerated the administrative work of the P.C.S.F.A.

With every good wish for the continued success of the Protestant Churches Referees' Association,
Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) R. H. HENRY,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
Protestant Churches S.F. Assn.

PERSONAL.

Mr. A. L. Peaty, who has retired from active refereeing in Sydney, the other Saturday refereed the Balgownie-Woonona South Coast premiership fixture. The South Coast "Times" contains the following appreciation of his ability as a referee:—

"Mr. A. L. Peaty, from Granville, had charge of the game, and congratulations were the order of the day for him by both teams, who realised he was a thoroughly competent man. All his decisions met with the greatest respect. It is not often a visiting referee becomes so popular as Mr. Peaty."

Jack Comrie, Granville's popular skipper, leaves on Sunday night for Adelaide on a business trip. He will be away for six weeks, so will not be seen after to-day on the playing field in Sydney this year. He should be an acquisition to South Australia Club football if he can be induced to turn out for the last few matches of the season.

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SYDNEY GROUND No. 2, 3.15 P.M.
BALMAIN FERNLEIGH v WALLSEND
Referee: Mr. A. E. Court. Linesmen: Messrs. L. Pattison and J. O'Toole.
BALMAIN FERNLEIGH
(Blue and Gold Halves)

3—J. FISHER	1—R. LEADBETTER	4—E. FERRIER	2—W. BYERS	5—S. PEEL
6—A. LAUCHLAN	7—T. TURNER	8—J. CRAIG	9—F. HANCOCK	10—F. BAXTER
O				
10—F. WELLS	9—P. WILSON	8—D. REES	7—W. GIBSON	6—H. GILMORE
5—J. JOHNSON	2—T. MOORE	4—URWIN	1—E. URWIN	3—E. OWEN
G. BOWER Goal WALLSEND (Red)				

Reserves—Wallsend: 11—W. CRAIG 12—W. SCOTT
ANNANDALE v. CAMPSIE THISTLE
(Blue and White) (Red and Gold)
Referee: Mr. T. Leighton

IBROX PARK, 3.15 P.M.
TWO BLUES v. RANGERS
Referee: Mr. G. McGrath
TWO BLUES
(Light and Dark Blue)

3—N. HILL	1—E. RIGBY	4—G. HOPKINS	2—E. BAINBRIDGE	5—T. CROFT
6—C. MACE	7—E. HOUSTON	8—W. GALLOWAY	9—E. WALDON	10—H. FLYNN
O				
11—J. McKINNEY	10—J. COHEN	9—R. REEVES	8—CHILDS	7—J. K. SALT
6—W. JAMES or 5—W. KETTYLE	2—J. SELBY	4—J. WATSON	1—W. SYM	3—A. ELLIS
C. KETTRINGHAM Goal RANGERS (Blue with Gold Neckband and Cuffs)				

Reserves—Two Blues: 11—S. Hawksley. Reserves—Rangers: 12—T. O'Toole.

LEICHHARDT OVAL, 3.15 P.M.
BALMAIN GLADSTONES v PYRMONT RANGERS
Referee: Mr. J. Lester
BALMAIN GLADSTONES
(Black and Gold Stripes)

3—FERGUSON	1—F. GALLAN	4—A. CREIGHTON	2—J. DRISCOLL	5—B. WHITE
6—W. WELSH	7—J. SINCLAIR	8—A. FORBES	9—W. GLACHAN	10—E. HEYMAN
O				
6—R. OSBORNE	7—J. BURCHAM	9—E. ROBINSON	3—C. TIMMS	10—J. GIGG
5—J. SHIPLEY	14—L. STOREY	1—E. O'KEEFE	2—J. CRUM	11—G. KELSO
F. ANDERSON Goal PYRMONT RANGERS (Blue with White V and White Cuffs)				

Reserves—Balmain Gladstones: 11—D. McIvor. Reserves—Pyrmont Rangers: 13—Hayton; 14—Crum.

EARLY MATCH, 1.45 P.M.
METERS v. CALLAN PARK
(Blue and White Halves) (Maroon and Gold)
Referee: Mr. S. Boyd.

DRUMMOYNE OVAL, 3.15 P.M.
SYDNEY v. GLADESVILLE
Referee: Mr. A. W. Bates.
SYDNEY
(Black and Blue)

3—W. H. WILSON	1—S. G. MONTGOMERY	4—L. FORRESTER	2—G. SMART	5—N. CHARLTON
or 11—A. OWEN	6—J. BURNS	7—R. H. FITZPATRICK	8—T. ROBSON	9—H. J. SHERINGHAM
10—F. L. MELLIER-SMITH				
O				
10—R. BROWN	9—H. HENSON	8—W. BILLINGS	7—G. MACFARLANE	6—H. ROBERTSON
5—D. FOWLER	2—J. LYON	4—W. MAIZEY	1—E. PONT	3—H. GAY
J. FOWLER Goal GLADESVILLE (Red)				

Reserves—Gladesville: 11—S. O. Else. Reserves—Sydney: 12—D. Christie; 14—A. Gallagher; 15—S. O'Toole; 16—H. Graham.



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The Metropolitan Juniors

Inter-Association Cup.

Metropolitan Juniors defeated Protestant Churches at Primrose Park by 3 to 1, after a very interesting game. From the start the Metropolitan forward line was far too nippy for their opponents. The ball was passed from wing to wing, and finally Young netted with a good shot. Metrop. 1—0. Metrop. continued to have the best of matters, and after Park had saved shots from Menzies Thornton and Crum in good style Young again netted after a clearance by Park. Metrop. 2—0. Churches made a determined effort to reduce the lead of their opponents, but Froome, Morrison and Hush cleared Metrop's goal area. Thornton, on the right wing, was playing finely, and after a great run along the line his shot was partly saved by Park but the ball cannoned off him into the net. Metrop. 3—0. These were the scores at half-time. The second half was evenly contested with Churches making desperate efforts to score. Near the end they were successful in beating Hush with a good shot. 3—1.

In the B Grade K.O. competition Leichhardt and St. Peters met at No. 1 Canterbury, and after a very even game the match resulted in a 1-all draw. Leichhardt netted right at the end of the game. The game was slightly in St. Peter's favor, who were well served by their two backs, while their goalkeeper deserves special mention for his fine work. Leichhardt crowded their forwards when in excellent positions; the two inside men and centre forward were the offenders, and had they opened out they would have done much better. A re-play will be necessary to decide the winners.

C GRADE K.O.

Warren Iona and Newtown Iona played a scoreless draw at No. 2 Primrose Park. These teams had met twice previously, and on this occasion extra time was ordered, and still no finality was reached. A re-play is made for No. 4 Canterbury at 1.45. Why not Saturday morning, 9 a.m.?

NEXT SATURDAY.

The C Grade semi-final between Rozelle Waratah and Warren Avoca meet on No. 1 Primrose early match. These two teams are playing brilliant football, and a good game should be witnessed. Rozelle are the only unbeaten C Grade team. Punch Park play the winners.

CHARITY CUP.

Lilyfield A (A Grade premiers) meet Marrickville Avoca A at No. 1 Canterbury. This should prove a good game, as both teams play excellent football. Lilyfield have an unbeaten record.

Leichhardt Junior All-Age meet a B Grade team, Newtown Juniors. Both teams are on the light side, and a good game can be expected.

METROPOLITAN v ILLAWARRA JUVENILES.

This was the early match to Balgownie-Woonona at Bodes Ground, North Wollongong. Seddon, captain of the Metrops., lost the toss, and Ashton, centre forward, started the game with an invasion on the Coast goal. From the commencement the Metrop. team showed their superiority; their team work was worthy of players with far more experience. The coast team was given few opportunities to show out. Seddon, centre half, was an eye-opener; he was sound in defence, and his placing was low and accurate; he should soon find his way into good company. Wright, at left half, is a promising player with good judgment and speedy recovery; his placing to Sweeney gave this player great opportunities to show his skill. The first goal was the result of a great run and shot by the winger; the goalkeeper deflected the ball to Ellis, who placed into the net. The score was Metrop. one goal to nil at half time.

On resuming, the home side made determined efforts to score. The Coast's left wing was given many opportunities, but was not fast enough to get past Kay. Be-

van, Metrop.'s right half, is a very clever spoiler, but is inclined to try and beat too many opponents and go too far forward, instead of keeping his position and feeding his vanguard. Play was confined to the Coast's half, and a nicely timed cross from the right wing by Glading was cleared by the goalkeeper. Ellis, dropping back, met the ball outside the 18 yards mark, and with a splendid first time drive, he placed beautifully into the net, this recording his second goal of the match. This goal was the best seen on the ground during the day's play, and was reminiscent of Stobbart's goal in the third test with Canada. The reverse made the Coast players put more energy into their play, and from a melee in front of the Metrop. goal, Butcher netted amidst much enthusiasm. The Metrop. forwards kept up a continuous onslaught on the Coast goal, and during one attack the Coast's right half was adjudged to have handled the ball in the penalty area. Kay was entrusted with the kick, and made no mistake. Hard and fast play marked the closing stages of the game, and the final whistle sounded with the scores unaltered.

The Metrop. players were the guests of the Illawarra Association at dinner on Saturday night. All players expressed their sincere good wishes for the jolly good time they spent at Wollongong.

RICHARDSON CUP.

Referee Crawford Upheld.

KURRI KURRI AWARDED GAME.

The Council of the New South Wales Association at its last meeting endorsed the action of the Executive in awarding the Adamstown-Kurri Kurri Richardson Cup game to Kurri Kurri, and also the sentences imposed on five of the Adamstown team. A decision was reached too (that in fairness to Mr. T. Crawford, who had, it was thought, been unfairly criticised by the "Arrow" newspaper in connection with the matter), that these facts be given publicity in the "Soccer News," the view being general that Mr. Crawford, as referee, had no alternative but to act as he did.

The St. George Association

KOGARAH v PENSURST UNITED.

St. George Sports Ground, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. A. Knight.

KOGARAH

(Blue and White)

W. PROBERT-HODGSON

1—G. WILKINSON 2—F. AMY
3—E. COLEMAN 4—C. MUNNS 5—R. BEACH
6—H. SOAMES 7—N. MARTIN 9—H. PRITCHARD 10—O. LAWLER
8—C. STOREY

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4—J. RAE 7—J. LAWSON 8—A. JAMES 9—J. DODD 10—R. NUPIER
5—H. BRITTELL 4—A. HAYTER 3—H. HAYTER
1—L. HARVEY 2—C. MUNRO

B. HARVEY

PENSURST UNITED

(Green and White)

Linesmen: Messrs. W. Burrough and F. Long.
Reserves—Penshurst United: 11—T. Munro; 12—D. Summers.
Reserves—Kogarah: 11—J. Brown; 12—H. Berry; 13—J. Armstrong.

GREAT CUP FINAL.

The talk in the St. George District for the past week has been who will win the St. George Association premiership to-day. The finalists are Kogarah (last season's premiers) and Penshurst United. These two teams have finished with 29 points each. Kogarah's goal average is 90 for and 26 against, and Penshurst United's 48 for and 15 against. Kogarah have lost 3 games and drawn 1, while Penshurst have only lost 2 but drawn 3. Kogarah's success has been through their training twice a week at the St. George Sports Ground; they will turn out thoroughly fit. They have a fast forward line, and the goals have chiefly been scored by Soames, Storey, Pritchard and Lawler. Their best defenders are their half-backs, E. Coleman, C. Munns and R. Beach.

Wilkinson and Amy are a sound pair of backs, and always play a clean defensive game. Probert-Hodgson, their goalkeeper, is primed up to save every shot at all costs.

Penshurst United's forwards, Nupier, Dodd, James, Lawson and Rae will, however, want some stopping, more particularly James, who is a dangerous shot when within range of goal. Their half-backs, H. Hayter, A. Hayter and H. Brittell, are quite capable of stopping Kogarah's speedy forwards, backed up by a great defence in C. Munro and L. Harvey. B. Harvey, Penshurst United goalkeeper, will be hard to beat; he

is one of the finest goalkeepers in the St. George Association. It will be hard to predict the winner, considering both teams are so evenly matched.

The Association have decided that in the event of a draw no extra time is to be played, but a further final will take place.

The Referee.

The St. George Referees' Association have appointed Mr. A. Knight to referee the final, which is a most popular selection.

The Cup.

The Management Committee have decided to have the Dye Cup on view at the St. George Sports Ground during the afternoon, and Mr. F. West, President of the St. George Association, has been asked to formally present the trophy to the winners on the ground at the conclusion of the match. The St. George Challenge Cup will also be on view.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Ryde Association 4 (Bellamy 3, Rose),
St. George Association 0.

Protestant Churches.

Carlton Mts. 6 (Thompson 3, Stepto, Smith, McKenzie), Campsie Mts. 0.

C Grade.

Kogarah 6 (Flower 2, Larkin 2, Crawford-Smith), Rockdale 2 (Gray, Green),
Arncliffe 1, Banksia 1.

ST. GEORGE CHALLENGE CUP.

Second Round.

Brighton or Marrickville Avoca v Arncliffe or Carlton.

Lancashire or Kogarah Pres. v Cronulla or Rockdale.

Kogarah B or Revesby v St. George or Penshurst United.

Kogarah or Lakemba the bye.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT TEAM.

The St. George District team, after an evenly contested game, defeated Leichhardt at the St. George Sports Ground 4 goals to 3. This concludes the programme of the district team.

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

St. George Challenge Cup.

Lancashire v Kogarah Pres., St. George Sports Ground No. 1, 1.45.

St. George v Penshurst United, St. George Sports Ground No. 1, 3.15.

C Grade.

St. George v Banksia, St. George Sports Ground No. 2, 1.45.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

St. George Sports Ground, No. 1 Ground.
St. George Challenge Cup.

Arncliffe v Carlton Methodists, 1.45.

F. Long.

Premiership Final.

Kogarah v Penshurst United, 3.15. A. Knight.

No. 2 Ground—St. George Challenge Cup.

Brighton v Marrickville Avoca, 1.45.

F. Lane.

St. George Challenge Cup.

Cronulla v Rockdale, 3.15. S. Rose.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
Kogarah	18	14	3	1	0	90	26	29
Pens. United	18	12	2	3	1	48	15	23
Arncliffe	18	10	2	5	1	46	6	27
St. George	18	11	3	4	0	33	27	26
Cronulla	18	6	6	6	0	39	38	17
Hurstville	18	6	7	5	0	30	50	17
Rockdale	18	6	10	2	0	31	28	14
Penshurst	18	1	10	6	1	17	57	10
Brighton	18	3	12	5	0	26	74	7
Lancashire	18	0	14	4	0	24	63	4

A Grade

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
Arncliffe	18	14	1	1	2	77	9	33
Kogarah	18	12	3	1	2	69	15	29
Tempe Rgs.	18	10	5	1	2	58	32	25
Rovers	18	10	5	1	2	40	23	25
Lancashire	18	9	5	2	2	37	32	24
Tempe Iona	18	6	9	1	2	26	40	15
Rockdale	18	5	10	1	2	18	61	15
Brighton	18	2	14	0	2	14	68	8
Cronulla	18	0	16	0	2	12	73	4

C Grade.

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
Arncliffe	15	11	1	0	3	37	10	28
Kogarah	15	6	4	2	3	26	15	20
St. George	15	6	5	1	3	30	18	19
Banksia	15	3	5	4	3	22	25	10
Rockdale	15	0	11	1	3	7	54	7

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The Granville Association

AUBURN WINS THE ARGUS CUP.

"By Gee, if Auburn gits a penalty the other blokes'll never see the way she goes."

This remark was passed by a little chap perched on top of one of the trees outside Clyde ground last Saturday. We delight in fostering the young people. This pert remark shows our efforts are meeting with some success.

Auburn did not get that penalty all the same, but without it they managed to defeat Parramatta in the first final for the newest of our Cups, the "Argus Challenge Cup."

The same team have also won the Tribune Cup, having been successful in our senior competition.

Another section of this fine club is shaping very creditably in the "Richardson"; to-day they meet Woonona Park at Gees Reserve, Auburn, and a very fine game should be put up as both teams play a good game.

The semi-finals of our Ainslie Cup comp. are to be decided to-day, when Auburn Juniors meet Auburn Advance at Gees at 2 p.m. Advance having won the Junior Grade, and Auburn being runners-up, a very good game should be seen.

Two Blues will meet Auburn United A; this also should be a good game.

In the Cottam Memorial, English Electric and Granville East will meet; Electric are leading by one point from Lidcombe in the All-Age.

Easts, who possess our two junior reps., Adamson and Ritchie, fresh from their trip to Queensland, are sure to make a bold bid for the next round.

The juvenile final is to be played at Clyde at 2 o'clock, when Kewpies who have been struggling for a final for some years will meet Auburn United A.

Both teams are clever, and are sure to fight every inch of the way. As I will not be the referee I predict that Kewpies will at last secure their watch-chain adornment by about the odd goal.

Kewps are the last word in earnestness; in fact, the whole team turns up each week to our meeting just to see if they are playing on Clyde.

In training they are past-masters mostly on cigarettes.

All the same I can see some of these juveniles filling places in our district team in the near future.

The only match played last week-end in the All-Age was between Kewpies and Merrylands. Kewps ran out winners 5 goals to 2.

Next Saturday it is hoped to get on with the second last round of the grade matches. Electric will probably meet Auburn and Lidcombe Easts. The following Saturday should see the end of the battle.

Magpies have been invited to play at Lithgow before the season closes to give an exhibition there. As a school team will be travelling from Granville district, arrangements will probably be made for both teams to travel on the same day. The Lithgow School boys are to play at Clyde on the 27th.

To-day a school team from Newcastle will be playing at Clyde before the juvenile final. Patrons will have four hours of good interesting matches.

President Epps, captain, Jock Comrie, and Secretary Hyslop will represent Granville at the district scheme meeting at the Sports Club on Monday night. Equity is our watchword now as always in the past.

A move has been made to organise teams from Guildford to Campbelltown. We will assist all concerned to attain their object.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

Clyde.

1 p.m., Rosehill School v Newcastle.

Juvenile Final.

2 p.m., Kewpies v United A.

Cottam Cup.

3.15, English Electric v Easts.

Richardson Cup.

3.15, Auburn v Woonona Park, Gees.

Ainslie Cup.

2 p.m., Auburn v Advance, Gees.
3.15, Two Blues v United A, Rosehill.

The adjourned special general meeting of the Association will meet on Monday night next, the 8th inst., to decide upon the boundaries of the various districts, and deal with the other phases of the sub-committee's report.

UNNECESSARY APPEALS.

Continual and unnecessary appealing on the part of players is a practice match to be deprecated. Not only does it annoy the spectators, but it often has an evil effect on the tempers of the contestants. Besides, it frequently has a more material influence on the game, for often goals are scored while defenders slacken in their play to turn round to the referee to appeal for some offence, fancied or real. "Play to the whistle" is quite sound advice, and it would be much better if players tried less to control the game themselves and concentrated more on their part of playing, leaving the other matters to those whose duty it is to look after them. Many appeals are quite unnecessary and out of order, and in any case the referee is not compelled to take notice. Of course, legitimate appeals are justifiable, but how often do we see players calling the attention of referee or linesman to an alleged infringement when the players themselves are by no means so favorably placed as the officials. Appeals in themselves have no influence on the experienced referee, whether they come from spectators or players. He gives his decision as the result of observation, and though sometimes the appeal and the decision synchronise, the latter is not the outcome of the former. When the referee declines to accept an appeal a shake of the head or the words "Play on" may be used with advantage.

The Power to Refrain.

One of the marks of a really good referee is the judicious use of the power to refrain. Generally speaking, although an offence has been committed, the referee should not award a free kick if in his judgment he considers it to be to the advantage of the side offended against to allow the play to go on. Quite recently in a junior match a goalkeeper ran out of his goal to clear a shot, but missed the ball. One of the defenders who had fallen back into goal tried to retrieve the error by fisting out the ball on behalf of his colleagues, but only succeeded in diverting it into the net. To the general amazement, the referee, instead of putting his powers into operation and awarding a goal, ordered a penalty kick. After a lot of argument, this was taken, without being converted hence the team which really succeeded in drawing, actually on the

result lost the game by one. To make matters worse a kindly disposed gentleman sought to put the referee right for the future as they were walking to the dressing quarters after the game, but the official stoutly maintained that his decision was correct as the fisting took place in the area, and therefore he had no option but to act as has been indicated. When the unknown friend suggested that a careful examination of the chart would reveal that there was such a thing as "refraining," which applied to penalty kicks as well as free kicks, he was brusquely told to mind his own business.

METROPOLITAN SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.

Gardiner Cup.

Balmain Fernleigh v Wallsend, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15 p.m.

Lincoln Cup.

West Sydney v Pyrmont, Wentworth Park Oval, 1.45 p.m.

Two Blues v Rangers, Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m.

Pyrmont Rangers v Balmain Gladstones, Leichhardt Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Sydney v Gladesville, Drummoyle Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Granville v Auburn, Wentworth Park Oval, 3.15 p.m.

Balmain Fernleigh the bye.

Sunlight Cup.

Annandale Altona v Campsie Thistle, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 1.45 p.m.

Metters v Callan Park.

Botany Albions v Sunlight, Easton Park, 3.15 p.m.

Bankstown v Sydney, Canterbury No. 1, 3.15.

Campsie Thistle or Annandale Altona v Pyrmont—to be played next Saturday.

RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1924.

1st Grade 1st Division
Two Blues beat Pyrmont Rgs. 4-0.
Gladstones and Gladesville drew 2-2.
Sydney beat Auburn 4-1.
2nd Division (Final)
Pyrmont beat Rangers 3-2.
Second Division
St. George beat Leichhardt 4-3.

DISTRICT FOOTBALL FINANCIAL PROPOSALS. Organisation Next Year.

The following are the recommendations of the special sub-committee on the financial side:—

That district clubs shall each be subsidised by an amount of £25 making the donation of the associations in all £200.

That it be laid down that district clubs shall have headquarters approved by the Association.

That where a district club has a home ground approved by the Association the gate takings of all 1st grade matches played thereon shall be distributed as follows:—

Tax, ground and referee's expenses plus the ground charge to be decided upon by the Association at the commencement of the season, to be first of all taken from the gross receipts, and the remainder, which shall be deemed the net proceeds, shall be divided as follows:—40 per cent. to the "Home" club and 30 per cent. to the "Away" club, and 30 per cent. to the Association.

On Association controlled grounds the distribution to be as follows:—

A rental to be decided upon at the beginning of the season, tax ground, and referee's expenses, to be subtracted from the gross receipts the nett proceeds to be divided, 50 per cent. to the Association, and 25 per cent. to each of the competing clubs; the Association to bear the whole of the cost of advertising, as well as all the administrative expenses in connection with the game.

SUNLIGHT CUP.

Callan Park beat Booralee Rovers 3-0.
Sydney beat Alexandria 3-2.
Metters v Burns Club 6-0.
Pyrmont v Lilyfield Rgs. 3-1.
Bankstown beat Eastern Suburbs 2-1.
Sunlight beat Garden Island 4-3.
Manly forfeited to Botany Albions.
Campsie Thistle drew with Annandale Altona 1-1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	12	10	1	1	44	16	21
Two Blues	13	6	3	4	21	15	16
Auburn	14	5	5	4	19	23	14
Bal. Gladstones	11	4	3	4	18	24	12
Pyrmont Rgs.	13	4	6	3	25	26	11
Sydney	12	3	4	5	19	16	11
Gladesville	13	3	6	4	20	33	10
Bal. Fernleigh	12	—	7	5	9	23	5

W. LINCOLN CUP.

1st DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	5	4	—	1	19	7	9
Two Blues	6	4	1	1	12	5	9
Bal. Gladstones	5	3	1	1	6	4	7
Auburn	7	3	4	—	11	16	6
Gladesville	7	1	3	3	10	17	5
Pyrmont Rgs.	6	2	4	—	10	12	4
Sydney	5	1	2	2	6	6	4
Bal. Fernleigh	5	—	3	2	7	14	2

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

The semi-finals of the Gardiner Cup will it is hoped be played next Saturday. Sydney are due to play the winners of West Wallsend and Kurri Kurri, and Woonona, the winners of Wallsend and Balmain Fernleigh.

The venues of the semi-final will be decided next week-end. One semi-final will be played in Newcastle, and the other in Sydney.

The final will, it is hoped, be played on September 20th.

THE SUNLIGHT CUP.

It was reported at last Monday's meeting of the Council of the M.S.F.A., that the referee had failed to order extra time in the Annandale Altona-Campsie Sunlight Cup fixture. An instruction has been issued that in the event of drawn games, an extra quarter of an hour each way be played, as per the Gardiner Cup rules, which apply in knock-out fixtures.

HINTS FOR CLUB SECRETARIES.

- (1) All protests must be in writing, and in duplicate, and lodged with 10/- fee within two days.
- (2) See that your club always has a ball available.
- (3) See that your players take the field in proper uniform—fines will be enforced.
- (4) Send the result of your match to the Secretary each week, whether you win or lose.
- (5) Send your delegate to the Council Meeting, held on the first Monday in each month.



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